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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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Dear Constituent:

At this time, I am pleased to announce that our office will begin taking requests for the Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriations cycle. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I encourage you to seek federal funding for important projects, such as road construction, defense, homeland security, and economic development.

With the impending reorganization of the House Appropriations Subcommittees, there are questions still left to be answered. However, we are proceeding with the appropriations submissions process as if nothing has or will change, as directed by the full Appropriations Committee.

As always, to ensure the most positive results possible, we need your help in supplying projects and the details of those projects which may be eligible to receive federal funding. My office needs to know specific dollar amounts, precise plans for use of the money, and a persuasive justification as to the merits of the project and how this may further economic growth and development in Louisiana.

It is my goal to support each project submitted to our office, but I am unable to guarantee funding for each project. Each year, approximately only 4% of requests submitted actually get federal funding. However, I can promise that we will assist you in any way we can to provide the best results for these important projects. This year we are implementing an electronic submissions process and are asking that the following forms be completed and submitted to fy06.louisiana@mail.house.gov. I am asking that forms be received in this office no later than Friday, March 4, 2005.

Electronic copies of the enclosed forms are available on my website at http://www.house.gov/alexander/.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Jodee Niswanger, Rebecca Barham, or Adam Terry in my office at 202-225-8490.

Sincerely, Rodney alexander

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